

**Informal Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 21, 2008
Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Maricopa County, Arizona
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control District,
Library District, Stadium District, Improvement Districts,
and/or Board of Deposit)**



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities"

Board Members

Andrew Kunasek, District 3, Chairman
Max Wilson, District 4, Vice Chairman
Fulton Brock, District 1
Don Stapley, District 2
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

County Manager

David Smith

Clerk of the Board

Fran McCarroll

Meeting Location

Supervisors' Auditorium
205 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85003

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County Arizona convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 21, 2008, in the Supervisors Auditorium with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Fulton Brock, Supervisor District 1; Don Stapley, Supervisor, District 2; Max Wilson, Supervisor, District 4; Mary Rose Wilcox, Supervisor, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney.

PRESENTATION

Employee Health Initiatives

1. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION

Present the following employees, who have provided 30 or more years of public service to Maricopa County, with service award plaques: (C-35-09-001-9-00)

Thirty Years

Employee	Department	Length of Service
David Lopez	Human Services	30 years, December 23, 1976
Frances A. Ortega	Sheriff's Office	30 years, April 4, 1978
Saul P. Soto	Animal Care & Control	30 years, April 16, 1978
Henry J. Doodeman, Jr.	Environmental Services	30 years, April 18, 1978
Grace A. Gutierrez	Adult Probation	30 years, May 8, 1978
Phillip A. Babb	Sheriff's Office	30 years, May 10, 1978
Barbara H. McClain	Trial Courts	30 years, May 22, 1978
Jerry Doctolero	Human Services	30 years, May 23, 1978
Patty J. Siqueiros	County Attorney	30 years, June 6, 1978
Kenneth H. Stahl	Elections	30 years, June 6, 1978
James J. Tuttle	Sheriff's Office	30 years, June 26, 1978
Cecelia M. McDermott	Clerk of the Superior Court	30 years, June 28, 1978

Thirty-Five Years

Employee	Department	Length of Service
Lawrence M. Black	Sheriff's Office	35 years, June 4, 1973
Nancy C. Estrada	Assessor's Office	35 years, June 26, 1973
Anna M. Harper	Assessor's Office	35 years, June 27, 1973

Michael Rubino read a short biographical sketch of employees who have provided 30 or more years of public service to Maricopa County. He called each to come forward, with their supervisors and/or department directors, to receive a plaque and congratulations from the Board, honoring their years of service to the citizens of Maricopa County.

~ Supervisor Brock entered the meeting ~

PRESENTATION AND ACTION

Office of the County Manager

2. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF MARICOPA COUNTY'S SEVEN CORE VALUES FOR SUCCESS

Presentation regarding the Adoption of Maricopa County's Seven Core Values for Success. At the conclusion of the presentation, approve Approve "Seven Core Values for Success" for Maricopa County. County Motto: "Citizens Serving Citizens."

Core Values:

1. Public Interest First;
2. Open and Honest;
3. Accountable;
4. Measure Results;
5. Relentless Improvement;
6. Communicate and Collaborate; and
7. All people realize their full potential.

The implementation process for the core values will include the development of a curriculum for all employees that creates opportunities to train employees, as well introducing the values to new employees during their orientation. (ADM100-002) (C-20-09-010-M-00)

David Smith, County Manager

David Smith said the County Motto of "Citizens Serving Citizens" illustrates that County government is a group of people that are a part of the community, not above or separate from it. Mr. Smith described the Seven Core Values for Success to the Board and indicated that the intention is to communicate them to all County employees.

Each of the Board members praised the presentation and pledged support of the implementation process.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Stapley, Seconded by: Supervisor Wilcox
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

PRESENTATION

Office of Management and Budget

3. ECONOMIC UPDATE

Presentation regarding the Current and Forecasted Economic Trends (ADM1825) (C-49-09-001-P-00)

Marshall Vest, Director, Economic and Business Research Center, University of Arizona
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager

Sandi Wilson introduced Marshall Vest from the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona. Mr. Vest gave a comprehensive presentation entitled Arizona Economic Review and Outlook. Mr. Vest concluded that Arizona is in a recession and the end is not yet in sight.

Supervisor Brock asked what role "speculation" has played in the housing market. Mr. Vest said that manic activity is an indicator that speculation is occurring. Supervisor Wilson asked how the high State debt affects counties. Mr. Vest replied that the debt is at the federal level but states and counties must still balance their budgets.

Community Development

4. HOUSING UPDATE

Presentation on housing initiatives underway to address issues in the current housing market. Topics to be addressed include the foreclosure prevention/mitigation efforts, potential homeownership opportunities, recent legislation, fair housing, and other housing efforts being undertaken by local non-profit housing partners. (ADM1500) (C-17-08-040-P-00)

Renee Ayres-Benavidez, Community Development Director

Sandra Simmons, Compliance Officer

Theresa Brice, Executive Director, LISC

Rene Ayres-Benavidez indicated that her presentation would be brief due to time limitations. She introduced Sandra Simmons, who spoke about foreclosure prevention efforts. The Community Development Department is participating in the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force. Ms. Simmons said that 1 in 33 of current homeowners will experience foreclosure over next two years. The objective of the Task Force is to encourage homeowners in trouble to reach out for help as there are a number of options available in lieu of foreclosure. The telephone number for the Task Force is 602-372-1535.

Supervisor Wilcox asked about the role of banking and financial institutions.

Teresa Brice, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), said their primary goal to provide funding, technical assistance and policy/advocacy support for local non-profit housing agencies. She said that LISC is partnering with ASU to come up with options to create a housing trust fund.

Ms. Ayres-Benavidez said that a number of non-profit partners are working together with the Vacant Property Coalition to connect these homes with homebuyers. She maintained that most cities offer down payment assistance for some buyers. Ms. Ayres-Benavidez also mentioned Fair Housing Laws and that it is illegal to prevent individuals from obtaining housing based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin.

Human Services

5. OVERVIEW OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY HEAD START ZERO-FIVE PROGRAM

Presentation regarding the Maricopa County Head Start Zero-Five Program, this is an overview of the program as outlined in the Head Start Act Amended on December 12, 2007, Head Start programs are overseen by a local governing body. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors is the governing body that oversees the Maricopa County Head Start Zero-Five Program. The Maricopa County Head Start Zero-Five Program is a federally funded program, which provides child development and family support services to low income children 0-5 years of age and their families. The goal of the program is school readiness. Services are provided throughout Maricopa County, excluding the City of Phoenix. This is one of the largest direct federal grants that the County receives. This presentation will provide an overview of:

- FY 2007-2008 Program Highlights
- FY 2007-2008 Head Start Self Assessment Report
- Results of the Office of Head Start Monitoring (audit) of December 2007
 - The federal government is required to conduct on-site monitoring of every program once every three years.
- New Head Start Act (effective December 12, 2007)
 - Many updates to the Act require more information be provided to the BOS
- FY 2008-2009 Program Plan (ADM2502) (C-22-09-073-P-00)
Marjorie Weiss, Human Services Department Assistant Director

The Chairman suggested this item be rescheduled because of the time constraints. Marjorie Weiss responded that since the Board would be voting on this item at the July 23rd meeting, a brief overview was needed.

Ms. Weiss introduced Amanda Dubose, Chairperson of the Policy Council, who praised the program. Supervisor Wilcox emphasized that participation on the Council shows the dedication of parents to the program.

Ms. Weiss relayed Maricopa's Head Start program was reviewed by the federal government last December and was found to be in full compliance overall. Two areas that were found not to be in compliance involved the lack of information on flyers that transportation is not provided and a needed revision to the by-laws regarding the composition of the council.

Supervisor Wilcox explained that monthly reports will now be provided to the Board and that at least one Supervisor must sit on the Policy Council in the coming term. Chairman Kunasek asked whether families of active military were given special consideration. Ms. Weiss replied that those families are almost always eligible based on federal income guidelines.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider items on the Executive Agenda dated Monday, July 21, 2008, pursuant to statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Wilcox, Seconded by: Supervisor Wilson
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board